

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLARS

AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Annual Christmas Offering and Good Cheer

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Boston, November 1, 1951, A. O. 833

*"And as ye would that men should do to you,
do ye also to them likewise." St. Luke 6:31.*

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*To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and
Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.*

GREETINGS:

The Anniversary of our Lord's nativity should call to mind the example which Jesus showed from the beginning to the end of His life on earth. At the start of His ministry, He was steadfast in temptation, alone and unknown. He was racked by the pangs of hunger and tempted by the lust for gold and glory. But calmly He put away the would-be tempter with the words, "Get thee hence, it is written, Thou shalt not tempt." He was courageous. All through His earthly life no threat of danger or of death could turn Him from the path which He would pursue. He was a true Knight, and He died following that path. By this service to others, He had glorified Himself.

"TO DO GOOD AND TO DISTRIBUTE FORGET NOT:
FOR WITH SUCH DEEDS, GOD IS WELL PLEASED."
— Heb. 13:16.

During the Christmas Season, it has become the custom in the greatest Christian Order that ever existed, to request each Commander to make an earnest appeal to his entire membership for a Holiday Contribution, that we may glorify GOD by helping man; by seeking out the lonely to cheer them, the sad to comfort them, the distressed to relieve them, and the orphans and widows to gladden them. Let each Sir Knight merely search his own heart and if financially able, contribute at least \$1.00 to his Commandery Christmas Fund which may be enclosed in the return envelope for convenience.

It is not in order to place this contribution or any portion of it in any Fund for future use, it is for Christmas relief alone, and all of it should be used for this purpose at this time.

The total amount collected is to be spent by the Council of the respective Commanderies under the direction of the Commander.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt, its spirit carried into effect and the results reported promptly to me, on forms furnished by Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Grand Commandery on the first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, A. O. 833.

Courteously yours,

Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd

Grand Commander



ATTEST:

George A. Weeks

Grand Recorder